

NIFA in the News – Week of August 13, 2012

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In the News

New MAAE president Mortenson looks to increase ag ed teacher numbers (AgriNews, Morris, MN 8/13) Natasha Mortenson, new president of the Minnesota Association of Agriculture Educators, is spreading the word about the need for more ag teachers. Mortenson has taught at Morris Area for 11 years and was one of five teachers nationwide named an exceptional teacher by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture by the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization. [Link](#)

UGA grad student gets federal research fellowship (Marietta Daily Journal, Athens, GA 8/15) A University of Georgia graduate student has received a fellowship for his research on an invasive insect. The school says Michael Bordeaux, a doctoral candidate, received \$63,000 as a U.S. Department of Agriculture pre-doctoral fellowship. [Link](#)

Warnell student wins USDA fellowship to study invasive woodwasps (Warnell News, UGA, Athens, GA 8/15) Michael Bordeaux, a doctoral candidate in UGA plant scientist Jeffrey Dean's lab, received \$63,000 for his research on the exotic invasive woodwasp *Sirex noctilio*. [Link](#)

SU Ag Center among 1890 grant recipients from USDA (SU AG Blogspot, Baton Rouge, LA 8/17) The SU Ag Center received high marks from the USDA/National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), capturing more than 60% of the proposals submitted by the Center in the 2012 funding cycle of the 1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants Program. The main goal of this funding program is to build and strengthen the research, teaching and extension capacity at the 1890 institutions. [Link](#)

UB awarded USDA grant to create new food markets announced by Hochul (Amherst Times, Williamsville, NY 8/17) Representative Kathy Hochul (NY-26) announced today that the University at Buffalo will receive nearly \$1 million from the

U.S. Department of Agriculture to help expand access to locally grown food in Western New York. [Link](#)

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